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SUBJ: BANGLADESH MEMBERSHIP IN UN

1. KENAYAN AMBASSADOR, PRESIDENT SECURITY COUNCIL, HELD  
SERIES OF INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH SC MEMBERS MAY 17 TO  
ASCERTAIN VIEWS ON TIMING BD MEMBERSHIP ACTION. FOLLOWING  
RUNDOWN APPEARS RELIABLE:

A. FOR IMMEDIATE ACCEPTANCE OF BANGLADESH: BYELORUSSIA,  
COSTA RICA, FRANCE, IRAQ, USSR. UK ALSO PREFERS QUICK  
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ACTION AND SEES NO REASON FOR FURTHER DELAY.

B. READY TO GO AHEAD NOW BUT PREPARED ACCEPTANCE  
MAJORITY VIEW: SC: AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, US.

C. LEANING TOWARD DELAY AS RESULT PAKISTANI URGING:  
CAMEROON, INDONESIA, MAURETANIA. PERU ALSO LEANS TOWARD PAKISTAN  
POSITION. KENYA GOES ALONG WITH BANGLADESH DESIRES, BUT THERE IS  
SOME EVIDENCE PAKISTAN HAS MADE SOME IMPACT.

2. ACCORDING SC PRESIDENT, CHINESE POSITION WAS THAT  
THEY NO LONGER HAVE OBJECTION TO BD MEMBERSHIP BUT THOUGHT  
IT WOULD BE BETTER TO WAIT A BIT TO ENABLE PAKISTAN TO  
GIVE PUBLIC SUPPORT TO BD APPLICATION. CHINA "WAS  
AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS" AND IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT HERE  
POSITION WILL ACTUALLY BE WHEN SC MEETS.

3. DURING US CONSULTATION WITH SC PRESIDENT WE TOOK  
POSITION MENTIONED IN ABOVE LISTING BUT WENT ON  
TO EMPHASIZE DESIRABILITY OF REFERRING BD  
APPLICATION TO COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS. WE MADE CLEAR OUR  
POSITION WAS BASED ON PRINCIPLE IN FAVOR OF COMMITTEE  
CONSIDERATION OF ALL APPLICATIONS AS GENERAL PRACTICE  
AND WAS NOT BASED ON ANY PROBLEM WITH PRESENT APPLICA-  
TION. SC PRESIDENT STATED HE DID NOT BELIEVE HE HAD  
AUTHORITY TO REFER APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO COMMITTEE ON  
ADMISSIONS HIMSELF, BUT WOULD PREFER TO HAVE  
BRIEF MEETING OF COUNCIL ("TWO OR THREE MINUTES")  
AND ACCOMPLISH REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE IN THAT FASHION.  
THERE SEEMED NO DOUBT IN HIS MIND THAT MATTER SHOULD GO TO  
COMMITTEE AND WE BELIEVE MOST OTHER MEMBERS ALSO LOOK ON  
REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE AS THE NATURAL COURSE OF EVENTS. AUSTRALIAN  
REP MCINTYRE COMMENTED TO AMBASSADOR BENNETT THAT, IF  
GATHERING PAKISTANI CAMPAIN MEANT THAT THERE MIGHT BE  
STRONG PRESSURES TOWARDS DELAY ON BD TO EXTENT OF  
AFFECTING CONSENSUS, THEN IT WOULD BE BETTER TO SORT  
OUT THAT KIND OF TROUBLE IN COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS  
RATHER THAN IN SC.

4. PAKISTAN IS WORKING ACTIVELY FOR DELAY, WHILE  
INSISTING IT NO LONGER HAS OBJECTION TO BD MEMBERSHIP.  
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CHINA APPEARS TO BE GIVING FULL SUPPORT TO PAKS AND  
KENYANS MAY BE SOMEWHAT INFLUENCED BY CHINESE ATTITUDE,  
IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE WHO NOW LEAN TOWARD DELAY.

5. PAK REP AKHUND TELEPHONED BENNETT AFTERNOON MAY 17  
AND ALONG SAME LINES REPORTED USUN 1803 REPEATED HIS PITCH  
FOR DELAY. BENNETT EXPLAINED OUR POSITION AND AKHUND  
SUGGESTED THAT IF APPLICATION WERE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

ON ADMISSIONS IT COULD BE ALLOWED TO LIE THERE FOR A TIME.  
AKHUND ALSO REPORTED THAT KARIM OF BANGLADESH HAD  
CALLED ON CHINESE, IN FIRST MEETING BETWEEN CHINESE AND  
BANGLADESH, TO SEEK CHINESE SUPPORT. ACCORDING TO  
AKHUND AFTER CHINESE HAD STATED THEIR POSITION, KARIM  
TOOK TACK OF POINTING OUT TO THE CHINESE THAT  
HIS LETTER TO SC PRESIDENT REQUESTING RECONSIDERATION OF  
BANGLADEHS APPLICATION DID NOT INCLUDE ANY DATE. AKHUND  
TOLD BENNETT THAT SOVIET REP MALIK HAD TAKEN VERY FIRM  
POSITION WITH HIM IN FAVOR OF IMMEDIATE ACTION BY SC  
IN FAVOR OF BD MEMBERSHIP.

6 COMMENT: WITH RESPECT PAK REPORT OF BD STATEMENT TO CHINESE,  
BANGLADESH LETTER SPEAKS OF DECISION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
"AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY."  
KARIM OF BANGLADEHS HAS URGED TO US AND WE BELIEVE TO  
ALL OTHERS THAT SC DISPOSE OF MATTER DURING MAY. HE IS  
WORKING WITH SENSE OF PERSONAL URGENCY. IN VIEW OF PAKISTAN  
CAMPAIGN, HOWEVER, WITH CHINESE SUPPORT, MATTER NOW SEEMS  
LESS SURE THAN EARLIER.  
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